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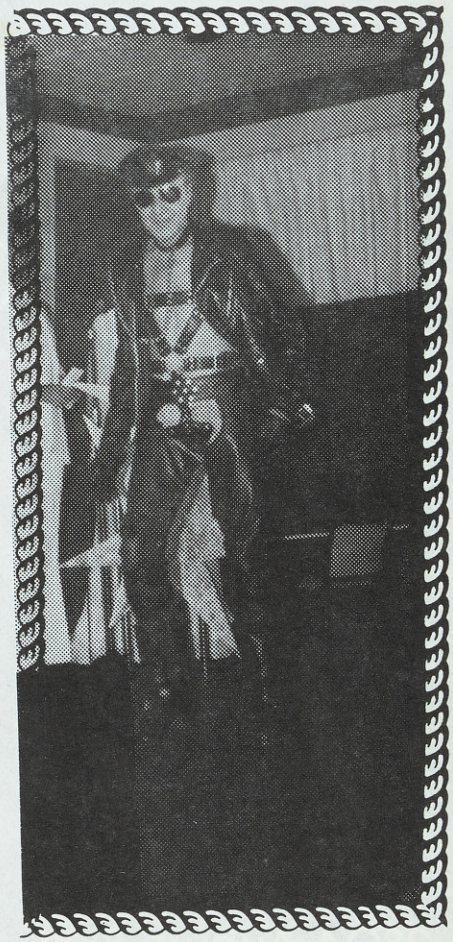

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EDITOR'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 'concerned gay people' who have presented to the Rambler their concerns, along with comments, of which the majority are valid and well taken, that speak to our Staff and Magazine as a Community Venture.

Our goals and objectives are not to compete with local activity, nor to become the nation's leading magazine; merely attain quality and standards befitting our community and ability.

Criticisms, critiques, suggestions, are an integral part of any publication. However, before the accusations, criticism, critiques, and suggestions are given with a 'negative' approach, a more in-depth research of the situation would be appropriate. Growing is difficult. There are the inherent growing pains. Our staff is comprised of individuals wanting a community venture, who give many hours of time, effort and energy. They do not claim to be professional journalists, and will welcome constructive criticism. Presented in a positive manner, it will be received in that manner. Once a negative pattern is established, rising above and changing is difficult, yet not impossible. Members of this staff are often complimented yet on the other hand down-graded for their individualism or assigned tasks on the Rambler. We are aware of our shortcomings. As Editor, I have set goals toward upward mobility, working more closely with my Staff, seeking more community input, reacting appropriately.

The responsibility of change does not lie solely on the shoulders of this staff. Perhaps members of the community would come forth with reporters, both for local and out-of-town news, photographers, organization representatives, etc. In retrospect, this staff must be consistent, do their jobs, fulfill their commitment to the Rambler and the community as a Staff member.

Each of us at some point in time must take stock of ourselves or a given situation realizing change, on occasion, is in order. I do not cast aspersion here, I simply state that it is time to "take stock." You give . . . we give . . . we all get.

I am looking forward to working with all of you, and sincerely welcome and encourage your comments and letters.

Bob Moore

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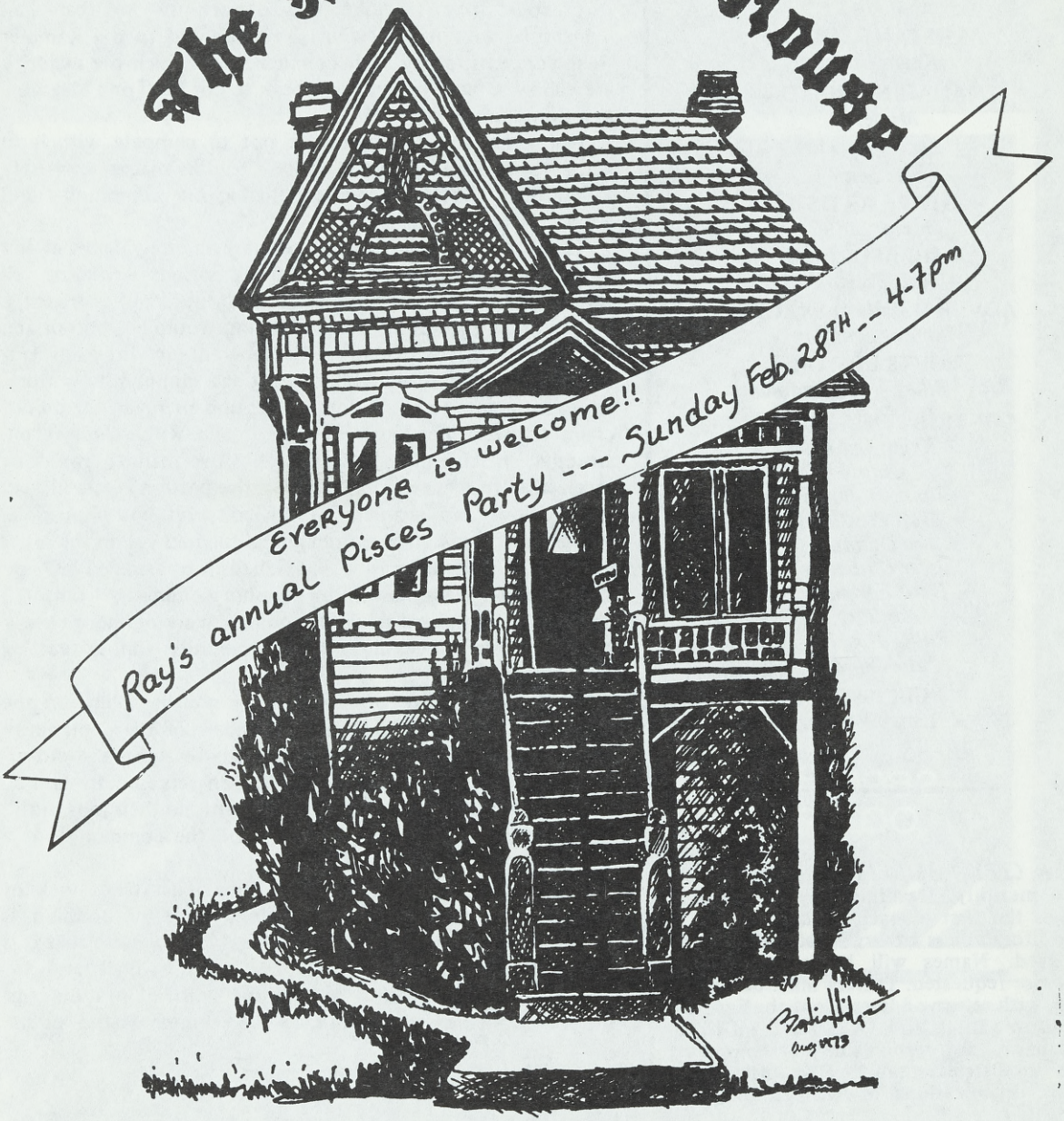

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INTERVIEW:

THE VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

This interview was conducted to answer questions about, and give insight to one of our hardest working, most giving community minded organizations.

RAMBLER: What is the Valley Knights Motorcycle club?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: We are primarily a social organization of gay men "on the masculine side," who share a love of motorcycles and the gay community's betterment.

RAMBLER: How did you arrive at the name Valley Knights?

VALLEY NIGHTS: The club was the brainchild of Mike Walkers, and in picking a name it was no 'picnic' (although we do go on Potluck runs). A few of our original eight members belonged to similar clubs in different cities at one time or another, and wanted to carry over other names, but we wanted to pick a name that would reflect our area of California, and not just Sacramento, because we have, and are still open to, members of the entire Central Valley.

RAMBLER: What were some of the problems you encountered in forming your organization that other organizations might want to avoid in starting a social club?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: We've seen problems in other groups that were necessarily not in ours because we are a democratically formed club with officers. The officers have certain powers, but when it comes down to it, everything we do is decided by the club as a whole. 'Majority Rules, not Ruling the Majority.' Everybody in the club has a sense that they belong to the club because all the members aid in the decision making. Everything we do is because we all decided to do it, and that's what avoids conflicts within our club, and the desire is to compromise, not conflict.

RAMBLER: What are the qualifications and/or requirements for being a Valley Knight?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: If a person wants to become a member, he must be 21 years of age, attend three functions within a six month period, and be voted on by the majority of all members, the reason being to see how a certain individual relates to existing club members and vice versa (little humor there!) and see if there is compatability to the club, not just to an individual ego. Dues are $12 per year, with an initiation fee of $50.

RAMBLER: None of the staff on the Rambler owns a motorcycle. If one of us or anyone else were to apply for membership, would we have to buy one?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: Most members do indeed have a Bike, but it isn't necessary.

RAMBLER: People often times confuse your 'uniform' with your personal sexual tastes, and think that it is a prerequisite for being a member. Is that true?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: We think that every person is an individual in their sexual leanings. The club as a group does not impose what they should be. WE ARE NOT A KINKY SEX CLUB. We are a motorcycle club for people who enjoy just that, motorcycles and a sense of camaraderie. The leather we wear is for protection in case of a spill on the Bike, not a conotation of sexual stimulus.

RAMBLER: Where are your general meetings?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: We hold our meetings in local bars, but not every bar because some are more conducive to gaining acknowledgement from those who might want to become members than are others. Also, we have had meetings at The Incredible Edible Restaurant, and Rancho Seco. People can write to The Valley Knights, P.O. Box 8163, Sacramento, for more information on where and when general meetings are held, or request that they be put on our mailing list.

RAMBLER: You have "Runs" (functions); are they open to all the gay community?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: Yes. The entire gay community is welcome, and encouraged to attend, and enjoy these festivities. The only meeting that is closed is of course our Closed Meeting — that is Members Only.

RAMBLER: Are women of the gay community accepted as members?

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Now picture this: Getting up on a Sunday morning after just one cocktail in several neighborhood cocktail lounges the Saturday night before, knowing that in less than one hour one has to be at the Land Park Bowling Alley to watch all the bright eyed and bushy tailed bowlers. Who in their right mind would entertain the idea of even getting up on Sunday before the crack of noon? Well precious . . . we arrived, all together, to check this our. It was a sight to behold. Alley to alley men and women having the time of their life. Some of the sounds went like this: "So ya didn't get the turkey. That will teach you to steal him away from me again." or "Ya blew that spare, Mary." Or better yet: "My God, look at that one on Alley 21!" Fred Hinden was more interested in telling everyone about the hot new poster of Tom Sellick, while another person was sporting a button stating: "God Save This Queen." Our infamous Sister Katherine (welcome to the Rambler!) was sporting a new look for Easter, mouse ears, using a 12 step approach looking fabulous. All the butch boys from the Wreck Room in attendance were keeping up the faith. It's really nice to know that behind all that leather beats a Nellie heart. Kudos to Tom Lane, Jim Dunham, Walter Coburn, to name a few, for over 200s. By the way, Walter . . . what in the world does orange/left mean? It was really so much fun watching a six foot hunk make a beautiful 4 step approach, see the ball rolling down the alley breaking out of a beautiful curve, striking the King Pin a little to the left and "WHAM" . . . el striko, then hearing this high screech: "Girl Friend."

After bowling, a trip to Mountain Mike's Pizza for a visit with Kevin Cohee, the manager. High spirits in hand, off to the Merc for just one, then we really had to be dashing.

Arrived at the Mercantile, had a cocktail with Chaketah Bannana Ray who immediately started dating the group with tales of Los Angeles. While we salvaged our years, our conversation was interrupted by a question from an occupant at a nearby table asking if the tall platinum blonde lady (who was sporting quite a lovely young man) was Rachael in drag. Precious . . . no one should have let that one go by, but we did. The answer was simple . . . "No, my dear. That is Chuck Ziegler."

People About Town . . . Nice to see you, Joseph of the Broadway, Ltd. Frank Holt has also been about handing out tokens of good cheer. Thanks, Frank. George from Discoveries in Davis was observed sauntering up to the bar to order a plain 7-Up. Nice to see the explosive duo of Judy and Ali at the Club 21 for the party given in honor of Terry and Tom.

Just what do you people mean, "Who's Blanche?" Blanche Hudson . . . B.D.'s big sis that she tied up in a wheel chair and pushed down the beach in Santa Monica. Actually, last month's cover was not Aunt Rose or Bobbette in drag, and no, it was not Myrna Loy. It was Bette Davis's impression of Liz Taylor in "The Little Foxes."

Welcome back to Monte (Montesa) Moore and friend Jim Gross. Nice to have you back home, puss.

Finally reviewed the video tape of the Camp Awards. Remember "Crystal Lee" the awards girl? There is no way you can read, Crystal. I'm here to say that Crystal Lee is the hottest drag in this town and a few other towns nearby. Now run with that one, kids!!

What is this I hear about our Tina doing CW songs . . . Rachael opening an antique shop . . . Danny Baldree alive and well . . . Eddie Pitz, better known to a few as Mona or Glenn, famous for his role in "Alive At Last," is back in town. What certain bartender got escorted out of a local establishment for getting involved in a fight? Innocent you say? I know, however, he might recall an incident of similar circumstances happening to someone else a while back in a Cocktail Lounge and Dinner House . . . precious.

Yours Truly and our Editor were guests of the fabulous Rusty of Reno the weekend of Feb. 6th for their annual Closet Ball for which we were judges. The new places to go now in Reno are once again the VIP heading the list, Chute No. 1, where Jack E. is manager, and of course, a visit with Vixen at the Club 99. Saw our 101 pounds of fun, Shannon, Lady Leader No. 5 of Sacto, who I am sure will have the number changed this June to No. 7 of All Nevada. Speaking of the Closet Ball . . . Production is under way for the 10th Gala San Francisco Closet Ball being held May 15th, once again under the direction of Carl Berry.

Rosa! Slow down, girl. You're going to give yourself a heart attack. TW . . . nice to see and speak to you again. It's been a while. You're allowed to do

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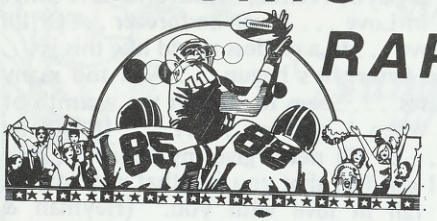
SPORTS RAP



by Rich Wilkes

SOFTBALL

Okay, dust off the glove, clean up the spikes, get the bats and balls out of the corner. Spring is not far away and that means another softball season is not far away. Sacramento will have two teams representing the community this year in the Gay Softball League. The teams will be sponsored by the Parking Lot and the Wreck Room.

Try-outs for the Parking Lot team started the 6th of February and will be every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. through March at Grant Park, 21st and C. For more information contact either Bob Weaver at 372-7683 or Don Souza at 446-2473.

The Wreck Room Stars try-outs and sign-ups started the 7th of February and will continue on the 21st and then March 7, 14 and 21 at 1:00 p.m. The location is William Land Park ball field. This will be the Wreck Room Stars first season in the G.S.L. and it should be a very interesting and competitive season for both the teams. Good luck to you both.

BOWLING

Both the River City Bowlers and the Sunday Swingers are in full gear now and here are the standings as of the week of the 31st:

SUNDAY SWINGERS

1. The Sly 5	10 — 2
2. Wreck'In Ballers	8½ — 3½
3. The Good Luck Gang	8 — 4
4. Head Pins	8 — 4
5. Tallywackers	8 — 4
6. Even If It's Wrong	7 — 5
7. Rolling Pins	6 — 6
8. Hellraisers	6 — 6
9. Unnamed	5 — 7
10. Bushwackers	5 — 7
11. G & G's	4½ — 7½
12. Unnamed	4 — 8
13. Unnamed	3 — 9
14. Baabs	1 — 11

RIVER CITY BOWLERS
DIVISION A

1. Noi Donna	9 — 3
2. Easy Pickups	8 — 4
3. Spare Parts	7 — 5
4. Village People	7 — 5
5. Kissin Cousins	6 — 6
6. Spin-Offs	3 — 9
7. The City	3 — 9
8. Mervettes	2 — 10

DIVISION B

1. Four Hits and a Miss	12 — 0
2. Donkey Kongs	12 — 0
3. Family	11 — 1
4. Spectrum 5	9 — 3
5. All American Boys	2 — 10
6. 49er's	1 — 11
7. Liberty Lovelies	1 — 11

DIVISION C

1. Dizzy Bees	9 — 3
2. Splitting Headaches	8 — 4
3. Goldstrikers	7 — 5
4. Parking Lot	7 — 5
5. Village People	7 — 5
6. Pegasus	5 — 7
7. G.B.G. Business Forms	4 — 8

DIVISION D

1. Damifino	8 — 4
2. Flashback	8 — 4
3. All Mixed Up	8 — 4
4. Holy Rollers	7 — 5
5. Wreck Room Rollers	6 — 6
6. It's About Time	5 — 7
7. Dorothy's Flippers	4 — 8
8. Mod Squad	2 — 10

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BUTCH & NELLIE

The subject of love, always timely, monopolized the discussion at the latest Rambler staff meeting. February being the most symbolic month for this topic, prompted Butch and Nellie to collaborate their thoughts in the following way.

Butch began by quoting his favorite love song, "My Funny Valentine . . . sweet comic Valentine . . . You make me smile with my heart . . . Your looks are laughable . . . unphotographable . . . Yet you're my favorite work of art . . . Is your figure less than Greek? . . . Is your mouth a little weak? . . . When you open it to speak, are you smart? . . . Don't change a hair for me . . . Not if you care for me . . . Stay, little Valentine, stay . . . Each day is Valentine's Day" (Rogers & Hart)

Other information Butch wished to share on the subject of love went something like this:

"The only abnormality is the incapacity to love. Money can't buy love but it improves your bargaining position. The head never rules the heart, it just becomes its partner in crime. Love doesn't always make the world go 'round, it just makes the ride worth while. Some people feel with their heads and think with their hearts. Platonic love is love from the neck up."

At this point Nellie took over, and following the same format, began by reciting her favorite love song: "When I Fall in Love . . . It will be forever . . . Or I'll never fall in love . . . In a restless world like this is . . . Love is ended before it's begun . . . And too many moonlight kisses . . . Seem to cool in the warmth of the sun . . . When I give my heart . . . It will be completely . . . Or I'll never give my heart . . . And the moment I can feel that you feel that way too . . . Is when I'll fall in love with you." (Heyman & Young)

Nellie continued with these gems of wisdom:

"People who are sensible about love are incapable of it. It's better to have loved and lost than to do forty pounds of laundry a week. People fall in love but they have to climb out of it. It's easy to understand love at first sight, but how do you explain love after two people have been looking at each other for years? In each human heart are a tiger, a pig, an ass and a nightingale. Diversity of character is due to their unequal activity. Love is the guest; marriage the conquest; divorce the inquest." (Of course, marriage is the sole cause of divorce.)

In summation, regarding the theme of Love, Butch and Nellie agreed jointly that a single night of universal love could save everything.

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Many people throughout the world are preparing to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, falsely believing that it is a straight holiday. Well, my dears, I'm here to tell you that this is OUR holiday. It always has been and it always will be. It all began when Evander (whose name comes from *Evandros*, meaning 'strong man') settled on the Palatine Hill in what is now the City of Rome. There, on February 14, he started a ceremony called the Lupercalia. This festival was quickly picked up by Romulus and Remus, two guys who liked to nurse Wolves – but then Italians *are* into weird sex, right, Rhulah? In the Lupercalia, two men were bound to the altar (and they say bondage is new!) until the priest (called the magister) touched their foreheads with a knife dripping with the blood of a goat. Then the two were required to laugh until their bonds were cut. They then ran around the walls of the Palatine City dressed only in leather thongs (most likely the first appearance of leather men). This must have been a real delight when one considers how cold Rome is in February. Julius Caesar and his lover, Mark Antony, participated in the Lupercalia in 44 B.C. The festival continued until 494 A.D. when the Emperor Gelasius put an end to all the fun by changing it into the Feast of the Purification.

The name Valentine's Day comes from a book written by Henry Watson in 1550 in England. Dear Henry wrote about Valentine and his "Brother" Orson. It seems that these two were abandoned in the woods as children. Valentine followed some men (!) to the court of King Pippin and grew to be a Knight. Orson stayed in the forest and was raised by a bear(!). Later, Valentine began to miss his companion– "as he had great love for him" – Henry's own words. Dare I say, Elementary, my dear Watson, Elementary. – Valentine returned to the forest, found Orson and the two lived together for the rest of their lives "having one great adventure after another." I'll just bet they did. Really, my dears.

Well – I do want you all to be my very own Valentines ... but perhaps not all at once; but I WILL try to squeeze you all in during the coming year. This feat may require Vaseline.

This season on the year marks two great events that affect our lives. On February 15, 1803, John Augustus Sutter was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden. Yes, my dears, even in those days they had Grand Dukes and Grand Duchesses. It is by a strange twist of fate that Baden was the capitol of what is now Switzerland until 1803, the year Sutter was born; but in 1848 Sutter founded our glittering capital of the Golden Land.

On February 18, 1850, our very own County of Sacramento was created. Sacramento is one of only five California counties not altered in size since its formation.

Yes, my dears, Sacramento does have a sensational saga to sing.

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AN ALL AROUND NEW EXPERIENCE

by carl berry

Is Russian River becoming a wooded Castro with a river running down the middle? Getting a little cloned out, perhaps? Were you aware that for a minimal time investment of approximately two hours, you can be in Glenhaven, California, a quaint little community in Lake County that lies along the shoreline of "Clear Lake," California's largest natural recreational fresh water lake? Two to eight miles wide, 18 miles long; 100 miles of shoreline. Covers 40,000 acres, with a maximum depth of 60 feet. Temperatures vary from 40 degrees in winter, to 76 degrees in summer. The climate is terrific. No smog! Fog is extremely rare. Yearly average rainfall is 30 inches in most parts of the county. Top summer temperatures in the low 100s. 100 miles northeast of San Francisco; 100 miles northwest of Sacramento, and lies between two main branches of California Coast Range Mountains. No traffic lights or parking meters in the entire county.

Rising high above Clear Lake is Mt. Konocti, said to be an extinct volcano. The burial place of the great Chief Konocti. Legend claims if snow does not fall to cover the mountain by the 15th of April every year, the mountain will erupt. They had snow on New Year's Day this year.

Where to stay while visiting Clear Lake? **STARLITE RESORT MOTEL** managers Randy and Joel have displayed exceptional management talents in knowing what to give their guests. The private enclosed Spa area with multi-level decks, good sized Hot Tub, closed circuit TV, lend to all types or rest, recreation or private sun bathing.

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One of the major attractions to the lake, of course, is the water skiing. Getting up at 7:00 a.m. with the sun shining brightly, the lake like glass, taking the ice chest and your group down to the docks, getting into the boat and hitting the lake. Can't think of a better way to rid oneself of the night before headache. Last summer, about mid-day, after everyone had exhausted themselves skiing, the guests gathered around the pool for sun and frolic, playing cards, reading, backgammon, cocktails, exchanging engagement rings for the weekend, and having a wonderful time.

These two handsome gentlemen are the greatest thing since Levi's. Their warm, welcoming manner and sincerity are quite paramount. Whatever your needs, they are available to meet them.

For evening entertainment, other than the activities that happen at the resort, Randy and Joel suggest a trip down the road for about a 10 minute drive, or a boat ride, to visit with Bill Barry and Ron who have the bar and restaurant called "Sunset Point." Dinners and brunches available. Beer and wine are the libations offered, along with good cheer, wonderful locals, visiting customers, and good vibes.

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You will have a terrific time now or in the summer, but it would not hurt to be thinking summer reservations now. The season opens in May on Memorial Day weekend. Gets quite festive at all times during the year.

Watch for the Rambler's up-coming contest with the prize being a weekend for two at the **STARLITE RESORT MOTEL.**

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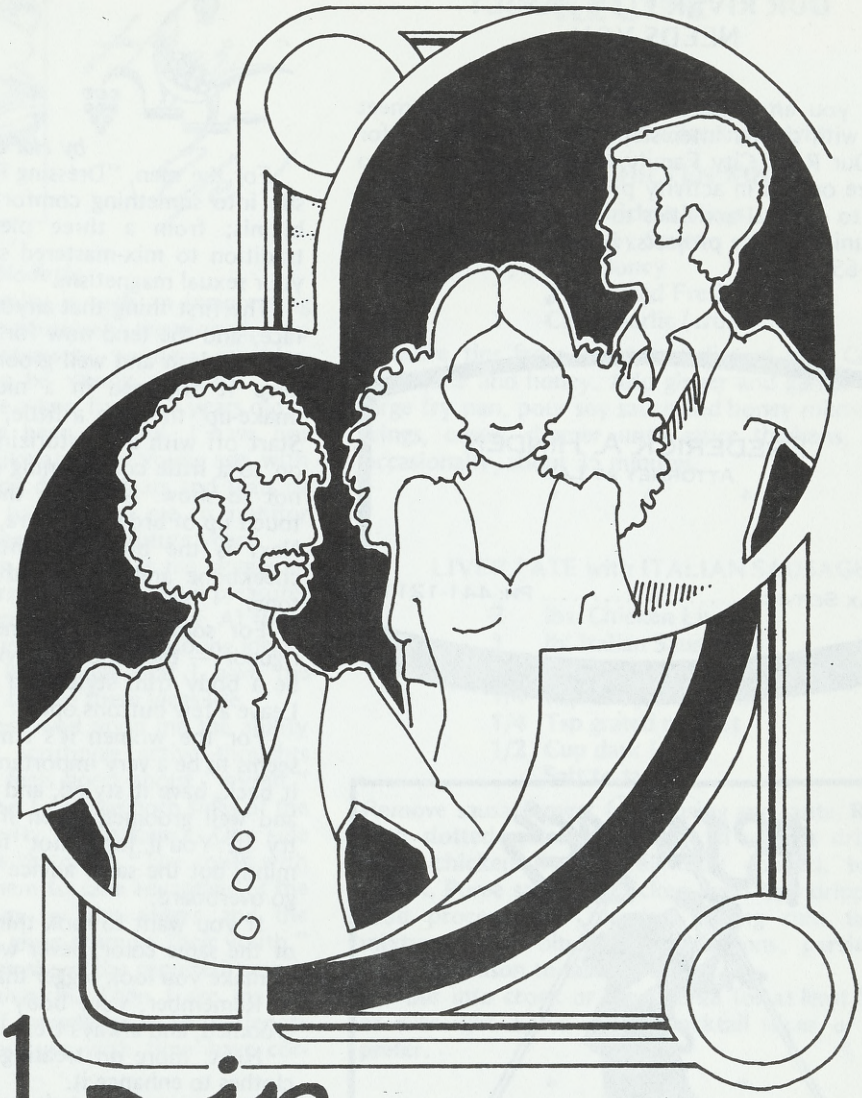

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By Doug McEfee

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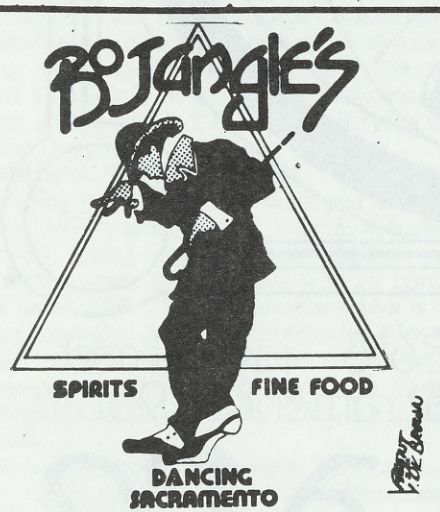

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GROOMING

by Hal Laird

For the men, "Dressing Right," shows you how to slip into something comfortable – from bow ties to bikinis; from a three piece suit that maximizes tradition to mix-mastered sportswear, that enhances your sexual magnetism.

The first thing that anyone looks at is the hair and face, and the tend now for hair is short. Remember, keep it clean and well groomed. If you sport a beard, keep it trimmed in a nice clean style. You can 'make-up' the face a little, but don't go overboard. Start off with a moisturizing treatment, and then go on to a little conditioning make up, very little so as not to show. Next, do the eyelashes with a small touch up of brown mascara, just enough to high-light. Next is the blusher, lightly smooth some on the cheekbone and underneath it. The final step – lip toner.

For some of us, the new designer jeans are 'de rigueor' – they show off your buns. The shirt should be a body trim style, and don't neglect your chest. Leave a few buttons open.

For the women it's almost the same story. Hair seems to be a very important asset for a woman. Flare it back, have it styled, and as with men, keep it clean and well groomed. Even if you don't like make-up, try it. You'll look 'hot' for that special woman in mind, but the same advice to the guys applies: don't go overboard.

If you want to look thinner, wear pants and shirt of the same color; never wear striped shirts. It tends to make you look bigger than what you may be.

Remember, your body is an asset. Keep it clean, groomed, and always treat it right.

Next: more on treating your body right, and the clothes to enhance it.

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by Modette

Youth in our community is such an invigorating energy source. As I have previously mentioned, I do not like to classify in terms of younger or older. However, I shall always be young at heart. That decision was made by me when I was 18 years old, a pledge to which I have been faithful. I have not forgotten what life was like at a very young age, with its growing pains, ups and downs, fears and feats of courage. This awareness has enabled me to monitor my maturing process for now and in future years.

I am now 44. How in awe I am at the change in my outlook on life. There are such tranquil pleasures in allowing ourselves to grow old gracefully. At times I burst with enthusiasm in terms of the young ideas I possess and joy in the knowledge that I have the whereforall and maturity to give these ideas life.

Many seasons have bestowed upon me the ability to serenely and calmly scrutinize active thoughts through logic. "Myself" feels good about "myself."

As I know look around I can see both sides of the fence with more objectivity and patience. One side the young, the other side the older. "The youth with an entire life ahead of them to take advantage of the opportunities given them by the elders and the chance to make mistakes given them by their youth." It is the youth that gives them the required time it takes to correct the mistakes. Then I see mature individuals as a wealth of knowledge and experiences who have made mistakes, yet with time have corrected these mistakes.

It would seem to me that the mature people should be capable of understanding the needs of our young since we have been there, yet there appears to be such a gap between us. In lieu of turning our backs on the young, ignoring them, using the term 'Generation Gap,' I feel we should support the young instead of alienating them.

Who better than the 'Mature' who ventured out upon that road, paved with yellow brick at first, to teach our younger brothers and sisters the way of our life style?

The nicest feeling of growing older is knowing we can allow young people to grow older in their own due time.

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RECIPE

This month's recipies by
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GINGER CHICKEN WINGS

3	lbs. Chicken Wings
1	Cup Soy Sauce
1/2	Cup Honey
1	Tsp. grated Fresh Ginger
1	Clove Garlic (crushed)

Remove tips from wings and discard tips. Combine soy sauce and honey. Add ginger and garlic. Using a large fry pan, pour soy sauce and honey mixture over wings, cover, simmer until sauce thickens, stirring occasionally, about 35 minutes.

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LIVER PATE with ITALIAN SAUSAGE

2	lbs. Chicken Livers
1	lb. Italian Sausage
4	Green onions (chopped)
1/4	cup Chopped Parsley
1/4	Tsp grated nutmet
1/2	Cup dark Rum
	Salt to taste

Remove sausage meat from casing and saute. Remove with slotted spoon, set aside. In sausage drippings, saute chicken livers until fully cooked, but not brown. Puree sausage, chicken livers and drippings in food processor or blender, adding rum to keep mixture from binding. Add onions, parsley and nutmeg. Season to taste.

Pour into crock or bowl. Chill for at least 8 hours or overnight. Serve on rye cocktail slices, or as you prefer.

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River City Community Center	448-2255
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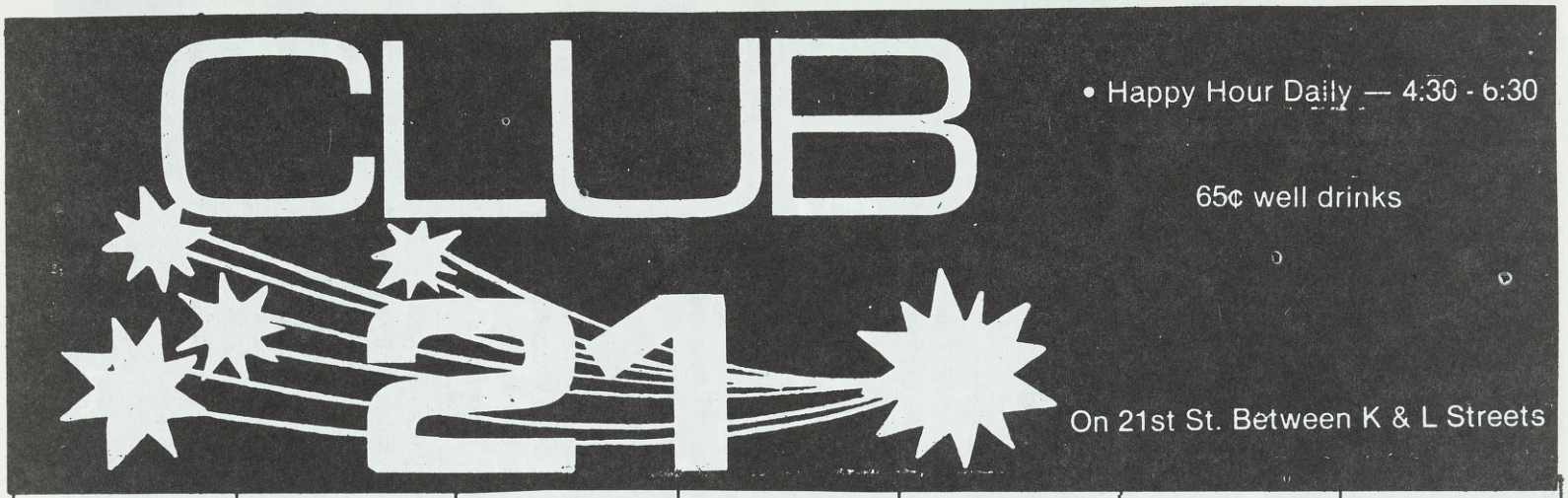

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21 Cap. City Squares Hoedown, 444-9939 Wreck Room Softball tryouts, Wm. Land Park. CHER, Live, at Bojangles MCC Services	22 Young Adult Rap 927-6542	23 New Class Starts Capitol City Square 444-9939	24 MCC Services 7:15, 454-4762 Man Two Man Meets, 457-1425	25 Gay Roller Skating 441-2475	26 Gay People's Union Potluck, 927-6524	27 Our River City Family Potluck 372-7993 Rambler Deadline 427-3517
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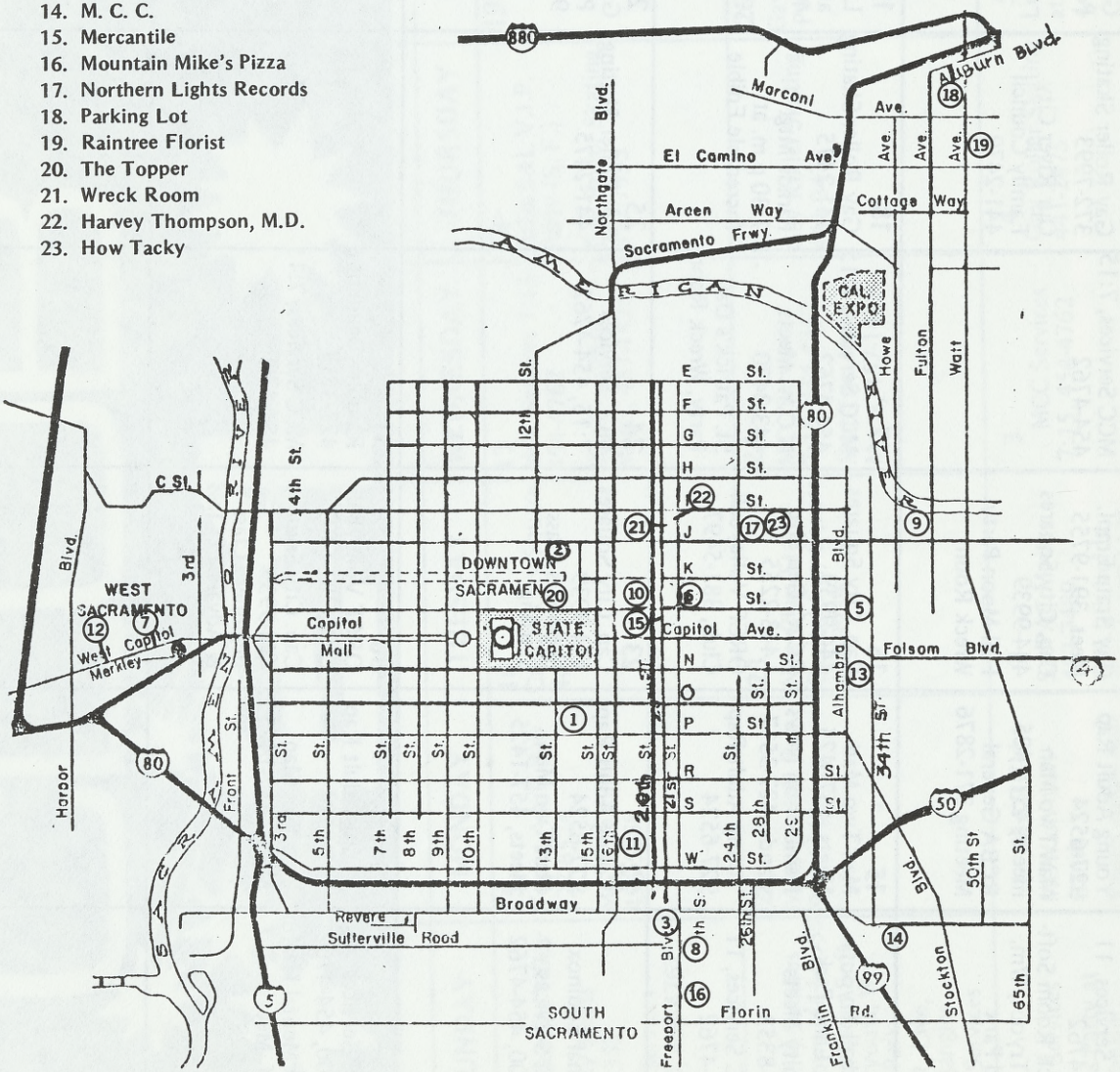

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MOVIE REVIEW

by Timm Dobbins

As long as Hollywood makes movies like this, I can still believe in love and that being "last one picked" for little league can be forgotten.

MAKING LOVE is a powerful film in many senses. From the beginning, when we see Claire (Kate Jackson) talking directly to us (as to an analyst?) about how she loved and lost a man, the movie has a special feel. This isn't an ordinary, history-setting flashback. It is a now moment filled with emotion. Other memories of feelings for the same man are shared by Bart (Harry Hamlin) in the same technical style. A man and a woman remembering love for the same man . . . now we know this is no ordinary film.

MAKING LOVE is the odyssey of one man, Zack (Michael Ontkean), as he discovers after eight years in a "successful" marriage to Claire, that he also likes men. One of my two complaints with the film lies here. I felt the transition from Zack's being monogamous with Claire to his tricking with men to be too fast. I think more anguish on Zack's part would have been the norm. Although it is foreshadowed in the opening monologue, it is almost an overnight thing in portrayal.

We are, however, given many little bitch fights between Zack and Claire as he realizes that he is falling in love with Bart. A line from one fight, sure to be repeated in many fights to come, occurs when Zack scolds Claire for buying striped toothpaste. She tells him, "then buy your own fucking toothpaste!" Much audience applause . . .

Although the story is centered on Zack's metamorphosis, the three best performances are given by other characters. Kate Jackson is a professional woman with a blooming career, concerned about being a wife and making a home with her doctor husband as well. She is very efficient and believable. Her crowning moment comes at Zack's revelation that he is gay. She begins flying about the room, talking about what to cook for dinner and luncheon engagements (applying the denial phase of any loss). She is obviously a strong woman, who finally accepts the fact of her husband's gayness through talks with an elderly "grand dame" neighbor, Winnie (Wendy Hiller), who offers that sage advice that people need to be who and what they are, and that Zack has not really changed. Her role is a gem and she is indeed a bright spot in the film.

The third role of the love triangle, Bart, is a character that I first hated for his arrogance, conceit and pompousness. Bart is a man afraid of love, who tries his best to be cold to his tricks to keep them at a distance. Through his remembrances, we learn why. He is a bit like all of us; the family runt, the last to be chosen for team sports, the let-down to the parents' expectations, who creates worlds of fantasy to escape to. With reasons for his 'wall,' I can emphathise with aloneness. He can never return the love Zack has for him, but Zack triggers something in him that later will free him to love in return.

The movie is billed as a love story with three happy endings. It is. And along the way, it gives Hollywood's first presentation of Gay people as being other than neurotic, mincing, lisping, drag queens. The pains and pleasures of finding love and making love are real for us all; they know no sexual preference. We as Gay people especially, know the magic of believing in love. Perhaps Hollywood has finally found this out!

Thanks to MOM GUESS WHAT for hosting the premiere. The film will open at the Sacramento Inn Cinemas on February 12 and is rated R.

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The Capitol City Squares are planning their first Country Hoe-Down to be held on Sunday, February 21 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Parking Lot, 2804 Auburn Boulevard. The party will include square dancing and country western dancing, including the appearance of a guest caller. A bar-be-que dinner will be available for a nominal charge.

The Capitol City Squares have been learning and practicing square dance steps on a weekly basis for several months and encourage all interested men and women to join them for their first Hoe-Down to be held in Sacramento. Visitors to Sacramento can find the Parking Lot by leaving I-80 at the Fulton Avenue exit and proceeding north on Auburn Boulevard. For further information, please contact Rich Koenig, 2209 Q Street, Apt. 7, Sacramento 95816, or Ed Chaney, 423½ Elefa Street, Roseville 95678.

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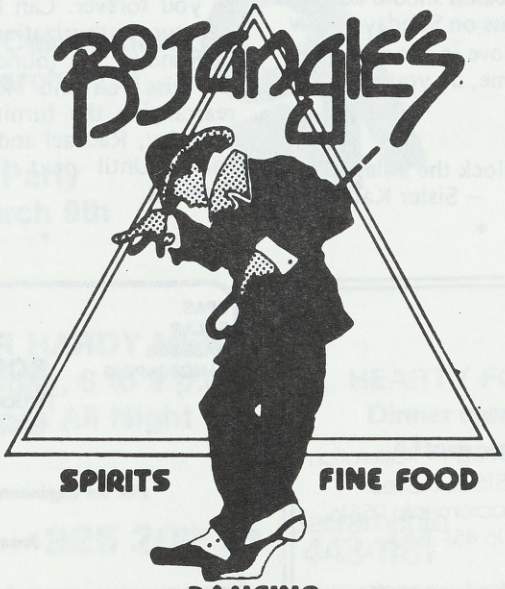

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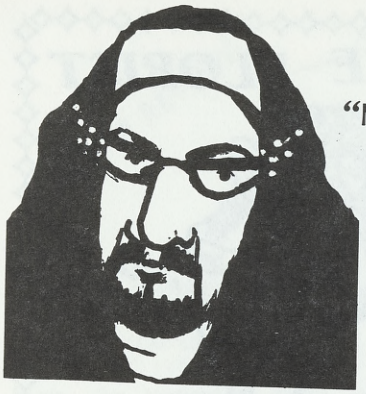

"NASTY HABITS"

by Sister Katherine

When Mod asked me to write a column for the Rambler, I agreed right away; that was the easy part. Then, I had to think . . . what kind of column would I do? I decided in no time at all.

A religious advice column for the lovelorn offering gardening tips and recipes from the convent cookbook was my first choice. But then a friend suggested that this might be a bit too ambitious and that I might be treading on other columnists' toes as well.

So, I acquiesced and decided to try to offer advice on problems that I read about in my mail and to share stories from my travels. I'll just start with this one this time and you can feel free to send any 'problem letters' to me in care of the RAMBLER.

Dear Sister Katherine:

I was raised in an 'old world' Catholic family and was brought up thinking that a person should abstain from activity and food before Mass on Sundays. Now I have a lover who likes to make love in the mornings, especially on the weekends. Tell me, do you think it's o.k. to have sex before Mass?

— Kenny

Dear Kenny:

It's fine, as long as you don't block the aisle!

— Sister Katherine

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that in public, you know. Oh, by the way, Walter . . . the same typewriter should never have been used.

Question of the Month: Who walked into one of our establishments, took a look around, said to the dog she was with: "Well, Toto, this doesn't look like Kansas." Clicked her heels three times and went to San Jose to meet with Cinderella's Step-Mom, who, by the way, laid a huge pumpkin in Sacramento January 30th. Bojangle's . . . you're young, happy, active, and beautiful; ——— 'em if they can't take a joke. We love ya.

Sister K. We really must get together. Have I got some names for you. Nice to see Walt Preston in love. Better yet, how nice it would be to see Walt. He has been busy digging up "Nuggets" explaining how hand-holding came to be in Sacramento. Well . . . February is for love and things and stuff . . . (thanks, Dickie).

To Michael A., our very own "King of Pots" who quotes our mother in the sky Mae West. Michael, precious! You are much too large a boy to be posing atop a glorified ginger jar giving us the full figure pose a la Jane Russell, but you are so cute in color.

Bartender Mike from the Club 21 . . . Flicka says "Hello." The deed to my house, pink slip to the car, signature authorization, all the jewels to the "God of Gods" with the body by Gym . . . that heaven sent doorman at the Club 21. Those arms. Be still, my foolish heart. Rodney . . . Not to worry. I am faithful to you forever. Can I take two weeks off to get the signature authorization card? Prreecious.

Randy . . . I found some orchids for you. Rafael, we miss you and Mod . . . you really shouldn't be rearranging the furniture at the Mercantile. Happy birthday, Rachael and Ernie. See you all at the Pisces Party. Until next time, see you in the papers, Precious.

— rhulah

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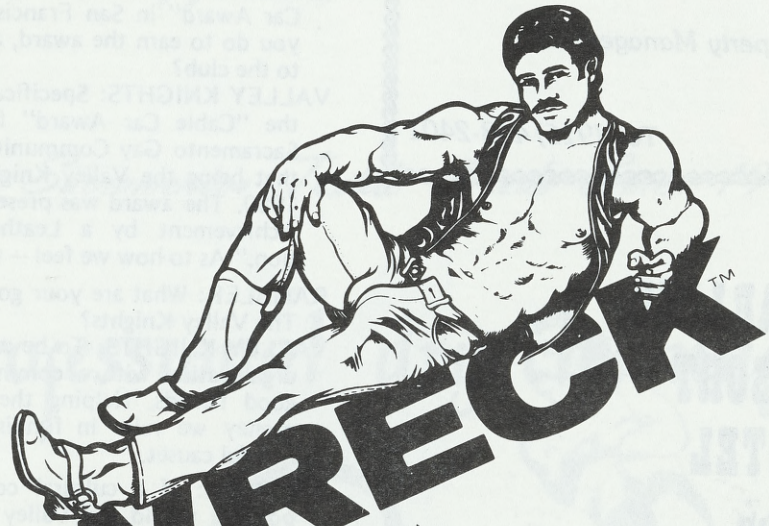

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VALLEY KNIGHTS: There is no mention of sex in our constitution. The person applying must pass all requirements and be voted in by the majority.

RAMBLER: The Valley Knights received "The Cable Car Award" in San Francisco last year. What did you do to earn the award, and what does it mean to the club?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: Specifically, we were presented the "Cable Car Award" for uniting the entire Sacramento Gay Community in a common cause, that being the Valley Knights Christmas Show of 1980. The award was presented for "Outstanding Achievement by a Leather/Fraternal Organization." As to how we feel – we feel Damned Proud.

RAMBLER: What are your goals or reasons for being The Valley Knights?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: To be exactly what we are, an organization with a common interest and being good friends. Helping the community with the money we raise in funding various charities or helpful causes.

RAMBLER: If a cultural community center were possible would the Valley Knights assist as they have with other various needs?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: There would have to be a meeting of our people to discuss it. One thing we have steered away from is not involving the club in politics. The organization and the running of a Center like that could easily become very political, not only within our community, but for example, soliciting funds. It could become political within the straight community, and involve a lot of publicity within the straight community. In order for the club to decide as to the extent it would support such an activity we would have to see what direction that activity is taking. The club would then sit down and decide amongst ourselves if we did indeed want to support said activity.

RAMBLER: Is there anything you would like to add to this interview that we haven't asked?

VALLEY KNIGHTS: YES . . . We of the Valley Knights would like to take this opportunity to thank all here in Sacramento, and our out of town supporters who helped, be it physical or emotional, bring our Valley Knights Christmas Show to the successful and enjoyable pinacle it is.

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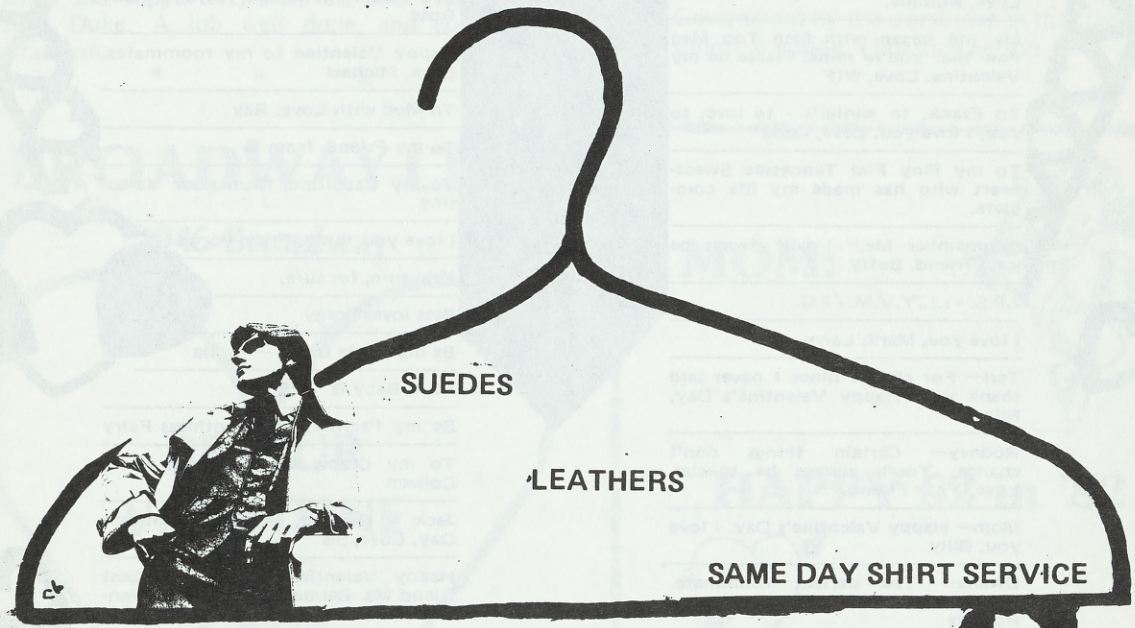

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Dear Sister— (Les. B. Ann Warren Out); Happy V-Day. Love, Your Big Sister.

Dear Dizzy Bees— Happy V-Day; Sting 'em, Boys. Love from El Capitan.

Dear Shuffleboard Mike— You did score a few points - OOOXXX. Your Partner.

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Happy Valentine's Empress '84. — Rachel.

Happy Valentine's Day Roomie. Love, Roomie.

My life began with Man Too Man now that you're mine. Please be my Valentine. Love, WIF

To Frank, to winter's - to love, to you, I love you. Love, Dana

To my Piny Flat Tennessee Sweetheart who has made my life complete.

"Remember Me." I will always be your friend. Buffy

J.P.S. - I.L.Y.V.M. - J.G.

I love you, Mark. Larry.

Teri— For all the times I never said thank you. Happy Valentine's Day. Billy

Rodney— Certain things don't change. You'll always be special. Love, Your Friend

Mom— Happy Valentine's Day. I love you, Billy

Dwane— The perfect roommate. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, your Roomie

To those who are my true friends, I love you. Happy V-Day. Just Larry

Dalene— I love you Wed. thru Sat. Mike

To Lee— I love you. Tom

I love you! Duchess II Marci, Duke II Chuck

To Terri from one "whole" to another "The Rectums"

RM Rose with Love to Sacto

A. for one interesting year. T

To Robert fm WMC. Miss seeing you. Hope to get together with you soon. Love

To whom it may concern: I love you. Bobbette - P.S., I Luv U

To my many friends, etc., etc. Happy Valentine's, Uncle Bob.

To K.J. I'll always love you. James

Happy Valentine's Day, Kevin. Love you much. I love you, Merc. Dwaine Rose

Happy Valentine to my roommates. Love, Michael

To Mod with Love. Ray

To my Friend, from F.

To my Valentine, from your Valentine

I love you, Judy. From Porgy

I am sure, for sure.

Bess loves Porgy

Be my Little Butch — Nellie

I L U Baby B

Be my Pacifier. The Toothless Fairy

To my Creme de la Creme. Love, Colleen

Jack & Richard, Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Sis

Happy Valentine to my very best friend Ms. Belmont, & Happy Valentine's to all my sisters. Ms Devora

Philip— All my love. Happy Valentine's Day. — Tom

Happy Valentine's to Ms Devora & Edwin. Love, Louise

Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Chrissy Holt

GRAND DUKE AND DUCHESS ELECTED

By Kevin Cohee

Congratulations are in order to Marci and Chuck as Sacramento's new Grand Duke and Grand Duchess, which was awarded to G.N.I.E.'s Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Mardi Gras, January 30th.

Our Emperor and Empress accompanied by San Francisco's Grand Duchess "Vinnie" M.C.'d the show. Doug Schafer, the show's coordinator, executed the talent scouting as well as the entire show flawlessly. Representatives were present from Alameda, California Kingdom, Fresno, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Stockton, and our very own Valley Knights, who, by the way, had the LARGEST attendance of any group. The other candidates for the evening were Louise Bellmont, Shay, Terry, and Tom from Bojangle's, who all worked hard in their campaigns as well as the flair they showed in their entertainment. We all hope to see them again in the near future.

A thank you to Bob Lambert, whose final walk ended the evening's festivities with a stageful of his friends and supporters, after his two year reign as Grand Duke. A job well done, and enjoyed by Sacramento.

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WORD GAME

Answers to last month's Word Game:

1.	Kakistocracy	5
2.	Dipsomania	4
3.	Braggadocio	6
4.	Sommerlier	1
5.	Lachrymose	3
6.	Dragoman	2

1. A waiter, as in a club or restaurant, who is in charge of wines.
2. A professional interpreter.
3. Given to shedding tears, tearful, mournful.
4. An irresistible, typically periodic, craving for intoxicating drink.
5. Government by the worst men in the state.
6. Empty boasting, a boasting person.

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THE BIG PARADE

With ten people in attendance, Jerry Sloan, Acting Chairperson of the "Freedom Day" Committee called to order their third meeting on January 21, 1982 at the Incredible Edible. Although attendance for this meeting was small, the group is still growing in hopes to present and organize Sacramento's Gay Pride Week.

To touch on a few preliminary topics discussed, ideas were presented as to a name for this year's parade and post-parade activities. None has been chosen yet. Some suggested activities were perhaps an evening parade followed by a small rally as a kick-off; Art Show, Theater Showcase, Talent Show, Artisan Fair with the big parade ending the week's festivities.

The need for fundraising sources, along with the goals and purposes of the week were made known. Goals being: Unity, Education and Awareness, and our political statement.

Naturally with a function of this nature and importance volunteers are needed. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 1982, 7:30 p.m. at the Incredible Edible, 1401 Alhambra Boulevard, to which all interested parties are invited and encouraged to participate.

Tentative scheduled dates for these activities are June 5 through 12. If additional information is needed, please contact Jerry at 381-3115 or send inquiries to Kevin Cohee, Assistant Editor, River City Rambler, P.O. Box 160877, Sacramento 95816.

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OUR COMMUNITY UNITED

By Philip Hoskins

In lieu of his regular article, "The Law and You," Philip Hoskins has submitted the following article:

This month I want to share with you information about the renewed activity for a community center for the gay and lesbian community of the Sacramento area. A new non-profit corporation has been formed, "Our Community United," and a series of meetings held to bring this important project about.

Several types of locations are being looked into as sites for a center, including schools, commercial and other buildings. Before a commitment is made to any particular location, however, there will be two conferences to obtain a consensus of opinion from the community itself.

The first of these will be a leadership conference to which community groups, businesses and inerested individuals will be invited. Following that, a conference of all persons in our community will be assembled for the purpose of reaching a better understanding of what types of activities are needed in the center.

Our Community United has been formed for the benefit of all of us and provides a unique opportunity to learn to communicate with one another in a productive manner. Sacramento does not have many vehicles by which we can work on common goals, each doing that which interests us most and doing it in a way that compliments the activities of others in the community.

This process has acquired many names in recent years in other cities – "networking" being the most common. Rather than mimicking the well worn techniques of conflict and confrontation used for so many generations, networking builds upon areas of agreement and commonality to produce results which leave everyone a winner and no one a loser.

We can use the legal structures of the larger society, such as non-profit corporations, and yet do that in a way which is reflective of the fact that we are different. Our life style offers the opportunity for an openness and sensitivity that is seldom found in the straight world. This is our strength and requires that we reach out for real unity based upon open access to all decisions and leadership roles. Our Community United is committed to this approach and we invite you to join us in this process.

If you are interested and wish to participate, contact Our Community United at 444-9939.

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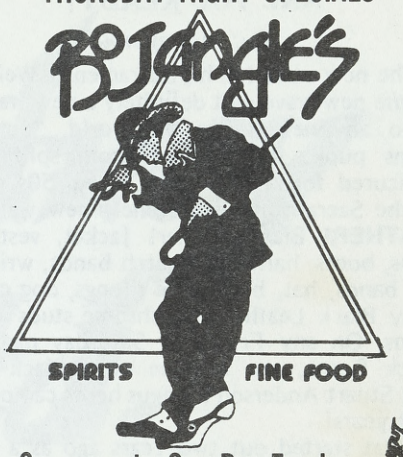
THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIALS



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ARE YOU READY?

By: Anonymous

The new wave has hit Sacramento. Well, maybe not *the* new wave, but definitely a new wave.

To anyone else in the world, "new wave" means punk, flashy color from split ends to manicured toenails, preppie, even '50s nostalgia. To the Sacramento gay scene– new wave means **LEATHER!** Black leather! Jacket, vests, pants, chaps, boots, harnesses, watch bands, wrist bands, arm bands, hat, belt, slave thongs, dog collar –– Shiny Black Leather and chrome studs and silver chains. On any Friday or Saturday night in the Wreck Room, one can see more black cowhide than Stuart Anderson's Angus herds can provide in three years!

What started out two years ago as a group of mis-located leathermen has become the definite movement of the future. Every week new pieces of leather apparel make their appearance; new converts show up in the latest acquisition. The march has started, fast 2/4 time, to the tune of "Leather Drag."

LEATHER DRAG??!!

YES – Leather Drag!

For those few secure enough in the knowledge of their experience and desire for leather-sex, I do not have to voice a defense. Leather for them is a statement of fact, a preliminary indicator of sexuality, purposely designed for its attractional merit. Secondary indicators, i.e., color and/or position of handkerchief, chains, cuffs, keys, etc., define and clarify the original costume.

The present secure individuals, by far greater in numbers, present the costume theorem for its true value. Leather is the current fad, and to maintain or enhance one's social prestige, one is obligated to follow it. W.S. and F.F.A. are extracurricular high school activities. B&D or S&M are 'dirty book store' fantasies. Spanking was stopped when then turned thirteen years old, and a quirt or cane– shudders of horror!

Protest number one: "The feeling of leather against bare flesh excites me. It feels good dressed in leather."

I'll agree, definitely, but is it any greater a turn-on than the flow of a full skirt around the legs can be for someone else? If both costumes produce an elevation in physical pleasure, then who is to say which is better or greater?

Protest number two: "Leather is masculinity personified!"

So say you! An effeminate mannerism, affected pattern of speech, or a limp wrist destroys any fantasy of masculinity as surely in leather as in satin or crepe.

But leather drag? It is a costume, no less so than a satin gown, furs and feathers, or a wig. Like it or not, 'leather drag' is an appropriate and valid descriptive phrase. The positive or negative interpretation is a personal decision.

Me? I love leather. The smell, feel, taste, and look of leather are all very heavy personal stimulants. I occasionally regret the passing of youth and firm skin; it was a kick to do an effective high-drag way back when!

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